

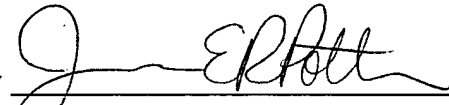
REMARKS

Applicants have elected Group III, claims 6-12, directed to polynucleotides, and the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:4 and encoded polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:23. Applicants have rewritten claims 6-7 as claims 14-24, and no new matter is added. Claims 14-24 are supported in the original claims and at page 12, lines 17-19 and page 13, lines 1-6, of the specification.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7650.

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